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OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

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| March 11, 1978 | -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM
Dr. Jerry Pankhurst, Ohio State University
<i>"Religion in the Soviet Union"</i> |
| March 18, 1978 | -WOSU Radio Series--no program |
| March 20, 1978 | -Yale Russian Chorus at Kenyon College (1409) |
| March 25, 1978 | -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM
Dr. Jerry Pankhurst, Ohio State University
<i>"Religious Dissent in the Soviet Union"</i> |
| April 1, 1978 | -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM
Drs. Karoly Ravasz and Thomas Wolf
<i>"CMEA Integration and East-West Economic Cooperation"</i> |
| April 5, 1978 | -Polish Choir at Ohio State University (1398) |

POLISH CHOIR TO PERFORM

(1398) The Academic Choir of the *Szczecin Technical University* will present an all Slavic program on the Ohio State University campus on Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 PM. The performance will take place in Mershon Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Mershon Auditorium at \$2.50 each.

ZURAWSKI LOOKS FOR REVIEWERS

(1399) Joseph W. Zurawski, editor of "*Narold Polski*," is looking for reviewers of books on Polish and Polish-American topics. Those interested should contact: Mr. Zurawski at 984 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622. (Source: Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies Newsletter).

SLOTKOWSKI FUND TO AID BOOK PUBLISHING

(1400) The *Joseph B. Slotkowski Memorial Publishing Fund* has been established to assist in the publication of books on Polish subjects. The fund, begun with a gift of \$25,000, was established by Dr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Slotkowski of Chicago, to honor Joseph B. Slotkowski a Polish immigrant who established the Slotkowski Sausage Company of Chicago. The first work the fund will assist in publishing is Stefan Korbonski's *The Polish Underground Nation*, which covers the civilian and military aspects of the Polish underground government during World War II. The work will be published by Columbia University Press. (Source: Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies Newsletter).

CHOPIN FOUNDATION FORMED

(1401) The *Chopin Foundation* of the United States was formed recently by Mrs. Lewis S. Rosenstiel, President of the American Institute of Polish Culture of Miami, Florida. The Foundation will operate as a center for the study of Chopin, his life, works, his continuing influence on music and other arts; create a library of books, music, recordings, and other materials relevant to the study of Chopin; sponsor musical and scholarly activities throughout the United States; provide scholarships to students, and issue a variety of bulletins and other publications.

In association with the Chopin Society of Warsaw, Poland, the Foundation will conduct the American National Frederic Chopin Competition every five years at the University of Miami, with the objective of sending the strongest possible American contingent to compete at the International Chopin Competition in Warsaw.

For more information contact: The Chopin Foundation of the United States, 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 600, Miami, Florida 33131. (Telephone: (305) 373-9009). (Source: Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies Newsletter).

POLISH ETHNIC CENTER FORMED AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

(1402) Dr. Robert W. Clawson, Director of the Center for International and Comparative Programs for Kent State University, has appointed Casimir Bielen, Director of Public Affairs for the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress, Inc., to the Steering Committee to form a *Polish Ethnic Heritage Studies Program* at the University. Last March, President Olds signed a formal exchange agreement with Warsaw University. Under this cultural exchange program, students from Kent and Warsaw University will be exchanged. (Source: Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies Newsletter).

CENTER FOR POLISH AND SLAVIC STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

(1403) A resolution filed by State Representative *Kenneth M. Lemanski* calling for Polish and Slavic Studies to be established at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst has been approved by the House of Representatives.

The resolution was developed by Lemanski in response to requests by Polish American organizations in the commonwealth for an "*ethnic archive*" to collect and preserve materials related to the experience and history of the Poles and other Slavic ethnic groups in the state.

The resolution will now be forwarded to the University Board of Trustees for their review. Rep. Lemanski suggested that those persons interested in the proposal, contact the Trustees and declare their support. (Source: Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies Newsletter).

MIDWEST SLAVIC CONFERENCE -- REMINDER

404) *The Midwest Slavic Conference* will be held this year at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, April 14-16, 1978. For further information contact: Professor Alexander Rabinowitch, Director, Russian and East European Institute, Ballantine Hall 565, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

SUMMER QUARTER IN THE SOVIET UNION

(1405) Kent State will offer a program for undergraduates who wish to study in the Soviet Union this summer. The program will last from July 24 to August 26 two weeks of which will be spent on the Kent State campus. Undergraduates may receive up to nine hours of college credit in a combination of Political Science, Arts and Sciences, and Honors credit. A knowledge of Russian is not a requirement. All instruction will be in English.

For more information contact: Dr. Robert W. Clawson, Director, Center for International and Comparative Programs, 101 Bowman Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242.

POSSIBLE OPENING IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

(1406) Colgate University has announced a possible opening, beginning September 1978. Colgate is looking for someone with a specialty in 19th or 20th century literature and a special interest in language teaching. A completed Ph.D. is desirable, but applications will be accepted from candidates who expect to finish the degree soon. Fluency Russian and English is essential. For more information contact: Professor Robert Murray, Jr., Department of the Classics, Slavic and Oriental Languages, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York 13346.

JOBS FOR LINGUISTS

(1407) *The Foreign Service Institute (Department of State)* is accepting expressions of interest in supervising linguist positions in its language training programs. From time to time as vacancies occur there may be the possibility of two-year appointments. Salary range: \$15,000-\$18,000. Qualifications: U.S. citizenship; knowledge in depth of linguistics; good command of at least one foreign language; native or near-native command of spoken and written English; language teaching or other cross-cultural training experience; supervisory experience; extended residence in a foreign language area with direct contacts among host-country nationals. Duties will be partly managerial, partly applied linguistics, applied learning theory, and cross-cultural communication.

Send resumes and letters responsive to the qualification requirements listed above to James R. Frith, Dean, School of Language Studies, FSI, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

SLAVIC MATERIAL FROM A CHRISTIAN MISSIONS PERSPECTIVE

(1408) The Institute of Slavic Studies, a training arm of the Slavic Gospel Association, provides study material--literature and radio talks--for Slavic countries. For more information write: Institute of Slavic Studies, P.O. Box 1122, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

YALE RUSSIAN CHORUS TO PERFORM

(1409) *The Yale Russian Chorus* will present a concert at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio on Monday, March 20, 1978 at 8:30 PM. Admission free.

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Fall 1977 Survey of Foreign Language Course Enrollments

The research on which this preliminary report is based is supported by a grant from the U.S. Office of Education. The report was prepared by MLA Research Assistant Scott E. Morrison.

College-level enrollments in foreign language courses seem to have recovered slightly from their steady, decade-long decline, according to a preliminary report on the Modern Language Association's 1977-78 survey of foreign language enrollments in U.S. colleges and universities. The report is based on a sample group of 1,630 responses (560 two-year colleges and 1,070 four-year institutions), representing nearly 60% of the total of 2,830 institutions included in the survey. Tallies of the 1974 and 1977 enrollment figures in each foreign language were compiled for the sample group. Overall, the sample group showed a drop of only 0.7% in total foreign language enrollments. The surveys of 1972 and

1974 recorded losses of 9.2% and 6.2%, respectively.

The enrollment picture at the two-year colleges appears brighter than at the four-year institutions, with most of the commonly taught modern languages—French, Italian, Russian, and Spanish—showing gains in enrollment; the sole exception was German, which showed a drop of 1.3%. However, at the four-year institutions and in the combined figures for the total sample group, only Spanish managed to increase its enrollments: up 3.2% in the four-year institutions and up 4.8% overall. Among the individual languages in the combined figures for all institutions, German and Russian suffered declines of 9.4% and 11.4%, respectively. Enrollments in French and Latin declined slightly, while modest increases were noted for Italian and Ancient Greek.

The accompanying table shows the comparative enrollment tallies for the individual languages in 1974 and 1977 at the 1,630 institutions included in the sample group.

College Enrollments in Foreign Languages, 1974-77
Sample of 1630 Institutions, Two- and Four-Year

	Enrollment		% Change: Total*	% Change: Sample
	1974	1977	1972-74	1974-77
French	166,880	162,652	-13.6	- 2.5
German	97,281	88,148	-14.1	- 9.4
Italian	19,720	20,019	- 0.9	+ 1.5
Russian	19,857	17,584	-10.7	-11.4
Spanish	235,451	246,796	- 0.7	+ 4.8
Latin	16,569	16,199	+ 3.2	- 2.2
Ancient Greek	15,907	16,315	+18.5	+ 2.6
Other languages	38,757	38,448	+ 7.7	- 0.8
Total	610,422	606,161	- 6.2	- 0.7

*Total 1974 response group = 2,313 institutions.

(Source: ADFL Bulletin, Vol. 9 No. 3, March 1978)